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study.

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F. RALPHS,  
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Queen's College,  
Hongkong, October 4, 1907.

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Hongkong, October 4, 1907.

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**NOTICE.**

**BILLS** for money due by Capt. MARTIN

MILERS, of Norway, must be presented

to the Norwegian Vice-Consulate with-

out delay. All outstanding bills to him, if

not settled before 1st November, 1907,

will be passed into the hands of a Solicitor.

Hongkong, October 4, 1907.

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**NOTICE.**

HAVING resigned my appointment as

COMPTROLLER of the 'SOUTH

CHINA MORNING PRESS', Ltd., of Hong-

kong, my journalistic duties in connection

with this paper have ceased.

TSE TSAN TAI.

Hongkong, October 3, 1907.

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Hongkong, October 1, 1907.

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Departures from Hongkong to Canton daily at 8 a.m. (Sunday Excepted), 10 p.m.

Departures from Canton to Hongkong daily at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Sunday excepted).

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Hongkong, April 2, 1907.

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**One Whitehead Torpedo**

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3,000 yards.

Green Island Light. S. 54° E. distant

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A REWARD OF FIFTY DOLLARS

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Hongkong, October 1, 1907.

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By Order,

O. G. CLOSE,  
Secretary.

Shanghai, September 27, 1907.

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Hongkong, September 2, 1907.

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Hongkong, October 2, 1907.

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Hongkong, September 16, 1907.

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Hongkong, March 2, 1906

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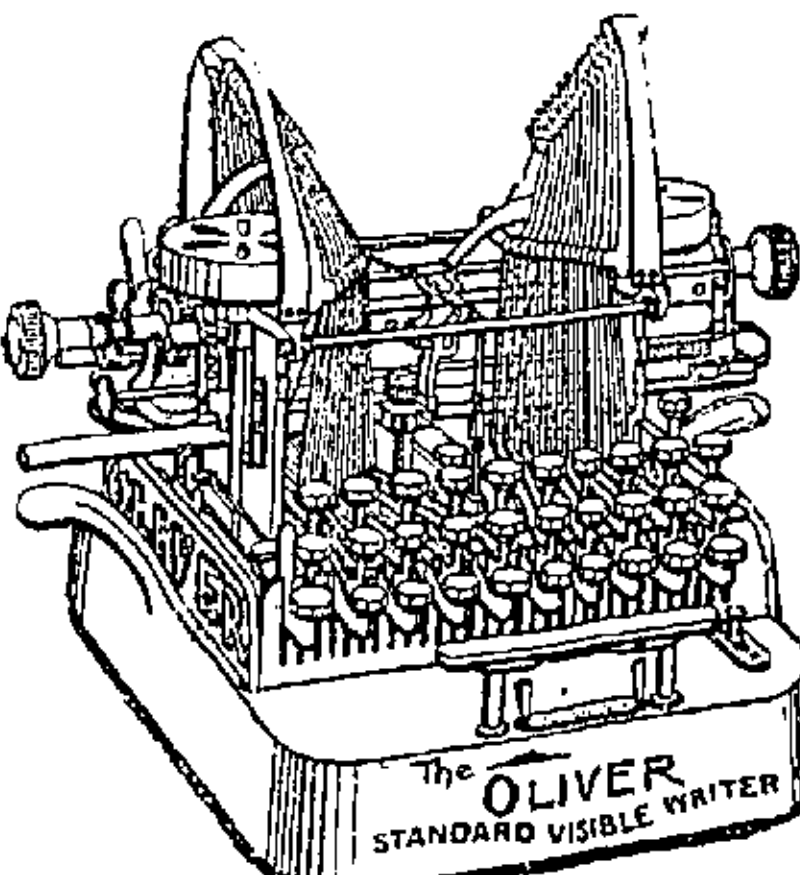
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## THE NEW PEKING.

The correspondent of the "London and China Express" writes: Before essaying the task of considering the thorny and complicated mass of persons and politics in Peking, it will be well to devote a few words to the present material position of the Chinese capital—more especially, of course, as it is to be seen in the Legation quarter. A new Peking has arisen in this corner since the tragic events of 1900. The railway route to the capital had existed for some time prior to then, obviating the discomforts and fatigues of a land or water journey from Tientsin. But the station then was some distance away at Ma-chia-pu, whence an electric tram and then a ricksha took you to your destination, which was probably not far from the situation of the Legations. Now you are taken to a station just outside the Chien-min, the main southern gate of the Tartar city, and a road traverses the historic spot of the water gate, by which the first troops entered the Tartar city on the occasion of the relief of the Legations. The canal itself has had its parapet repaired and a bridge constructed over it just within the wall. The railway station nestles immediately under the wall of the Tartar city, and a few yards' walk brings you through the water gate to the modern foreign Hotel des Vagons. Lits facing the canal, and cornering on Legation Street. With the added facilities that now exist of reaching Peking from either the coast or by the Ching Han line from Hankow, visitors to Peking, for either business or pleasure, have greatly increased. The number of those who have affairs in the capital added to the globe-trotter or leader community is now very considerable in a year. They can see a Peking so different to what it was that former descriptions must seem like "travellers' tales." The roads are now such as were undreamed of ten years ago, and neither mules nor human beings now get drowned in the streets in the rainy season. At the time of my visit the worst of the main streets was Legation-street, which was being reconstructed for the third time in about four or five years. Rickshaws have largely replaced the hansom cab of Peking—the cumbersome, uncomfortable springless cart. Electricity is general; indeed, Peking is now the possessor of many things classed as modern comforts. But it is an anomalous Peking. That the position is so is perhaps not extraordinary when you remember it is China, and that the more things may change there the more they often remain the same thing. The anomaly to attract the greatest attention is the fortified Legation area. Whether seen from the road level or from the ancient wall it is pure exotic. The erstwhile jamiens and Chinese style of building.

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**H. CRUZ & Co.,**  
Hongkong, September 16, 1907. 1493

**SCOTTISH MASONIC QUADRILLE ASSOCIATION.**  
THE above DANCES will commence on November 4th, 1907. All Masons are invited to subscribe and all intending Subscribers should communicate with the Undersigned as early as possible with references to Invitations, etc.

**J. J. BLAKE,**  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, October 1, 1907. 1582

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Hongkong, September 16, 1907. 1512

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**T. MATSUKI, Manager, Hongkong,**  
No. 2, PEDDER STREET.  
Hongkong, April 25, 1906. 816

GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND POLICE.

BUREAU OF NAVIGATION.

MANILA, P.I., September 15, 1907.

(1) The BUREAU OF NAVIGATION offers for Sale at Engineer Island, MANILA, P.I., the following Steam Launches as follows:

(a) The **SURTE**, a river and harbour launch 61 feet 7 inches in length over all, beam 11 feet, draft 5 feet, tonnage gross 21.71, net 12.65. Launch has non-condensing engine and Scotch boiler. Engine and boiler are in fair condition.

(b) The **PIKET**, a sea-going launch 93 feet 7 inches in length over all, beam 21 feet 1 inch, draft 5 feet 2 inches; tonnage, gross 128, net 109; twin screw, vertical inverted compound engines 10" x 36" x 13" stroke, flat slide valves, Stephenson link reversing gear, surface condenser; attached air, circulating, bilge and feed pumps; also independent donkey pump.

(c) The **OGDEN**, a sea-going launch 64 feet 2 inches in length over all, beam 12 feet 1 1/2 inches, draft 5 feet 7 1/2 inches; tonnage, gross 52.35, net 15.7; single screw, vertical inverted compound engine 8 1/2" x 18" x 10 7/8" stroke, flat slide valves, Stephenson link reversing gear, surface condenser; attached air, circulating, bilge and feed pumps; also independent donkey pump.

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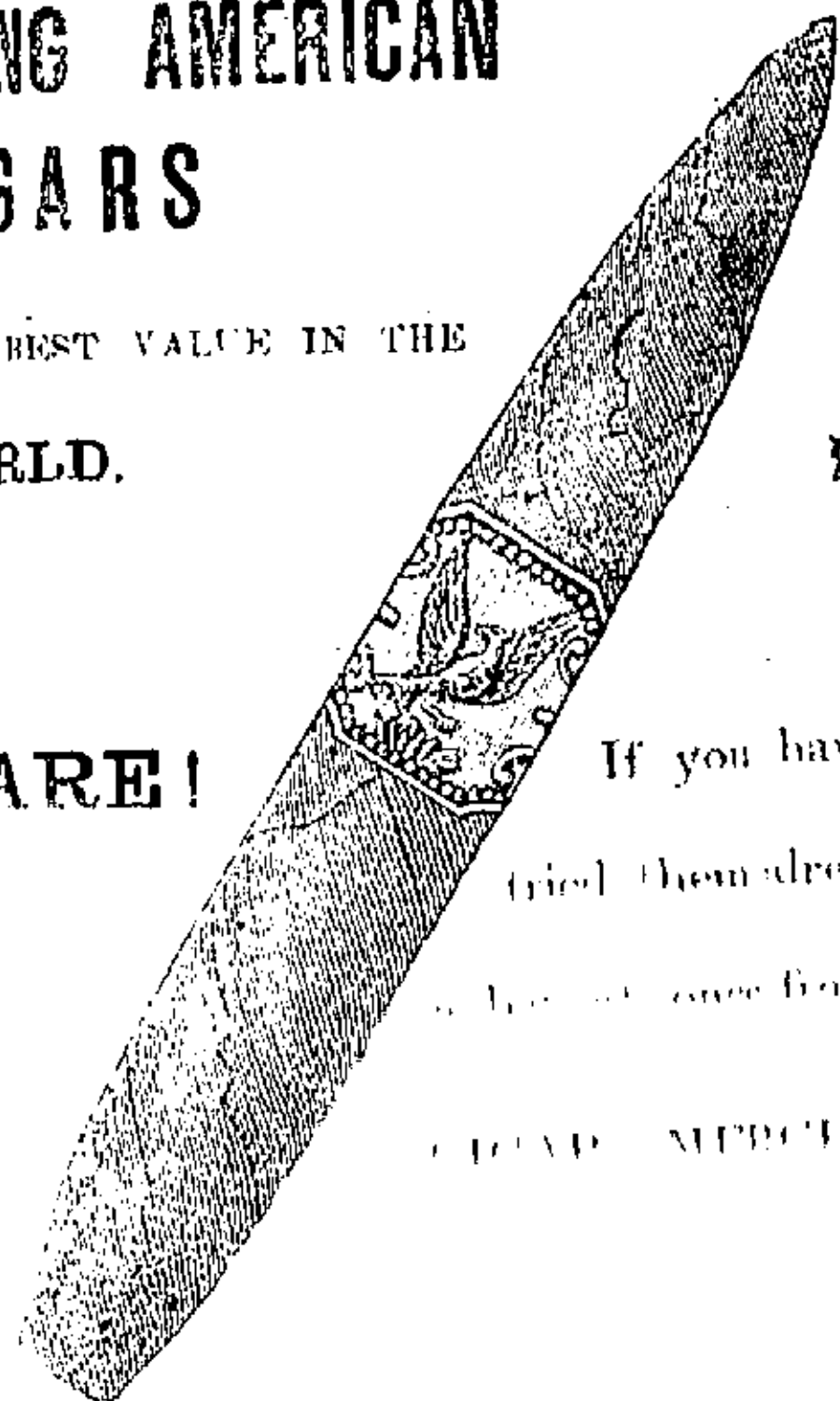
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ings that formerly did duty for the Legations and other resident foreigners, have given place largely to foreign two or three story buildings. The superficial extent of many of the Legations is now often very great, the largest of all being the British Legation. With the addition of a large part of the former Mongol market, of the Carriage Park, and of the Hanlin grounds, it now extends to 35 acres. Others have done much the same, and have generally rebuilt. Only the British, the German, and the Japanese Legations as regards buildings seem to remain more or less as before. Away outside this area is the Ketteler Monument—a fine granite pedestal stretching across the Hatam-street, marking the site where he was murdered as a memorial to him. The ignorant Chinaman has, however, his own interpretation of the monument. He believes it is to the man who killed the Minister! To return within the fortified area, one is necessarily struck by the grandeur of the buildings erected. To great and wealthy Powers the upkeep of these mansions will not weigh at all, but some of the smaller Powers must in time find the expense very great when the indemnity money is ended. Powers whose trade with China amounts to only a few hundreds of pounds a year have Legations that must cost thousands to maintain. They will find that to use an American-say they have bitten off more than they can chew. By the way, as these constructions have largely been the work of Chinese contractors, no inconsiderable sum of the indemnity money has been disbursed to workmen in Peking. Of other buildings I have already noted the hotel, but the most striking is certainly the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building, with its clock tower and four-faced chiming clock. At the other (western) end of Legation-street the Deutsch Asiatische Bank is just completing handsome new premises, whilst the Yokohama Specie Bank is to build on a corner of the Japanese Legation ground, at the angle made by Legation street and the canal. By the way, Peking has now no less than five foreign banks. In addition to the three I have mentioned, the Russo-Chinese Bank and the Banque de l'Indo-Chine also have branches at the capital. Towering above all is the Marconi station at the Italian Legation, with its wireless apparatus for communicating with the coast, and another system to Tientsin, and there are the foreign guards of all nationalities doing sentry duty all over the Legation area to warn you of the approach of the West. The outlook may be uncertain, but as the guard is scarcely a guard from the strength point of view, there are several who, like the United States Minister, frankly advocate their withdrawal. They certainly emphasize the fact that the West is in Peking now, as it ever has been for nearly half a century, only on sufferance. Elements exist that may at any time lead to a serious position. But I am trenching on the political aspect, which I will leave for another letter.

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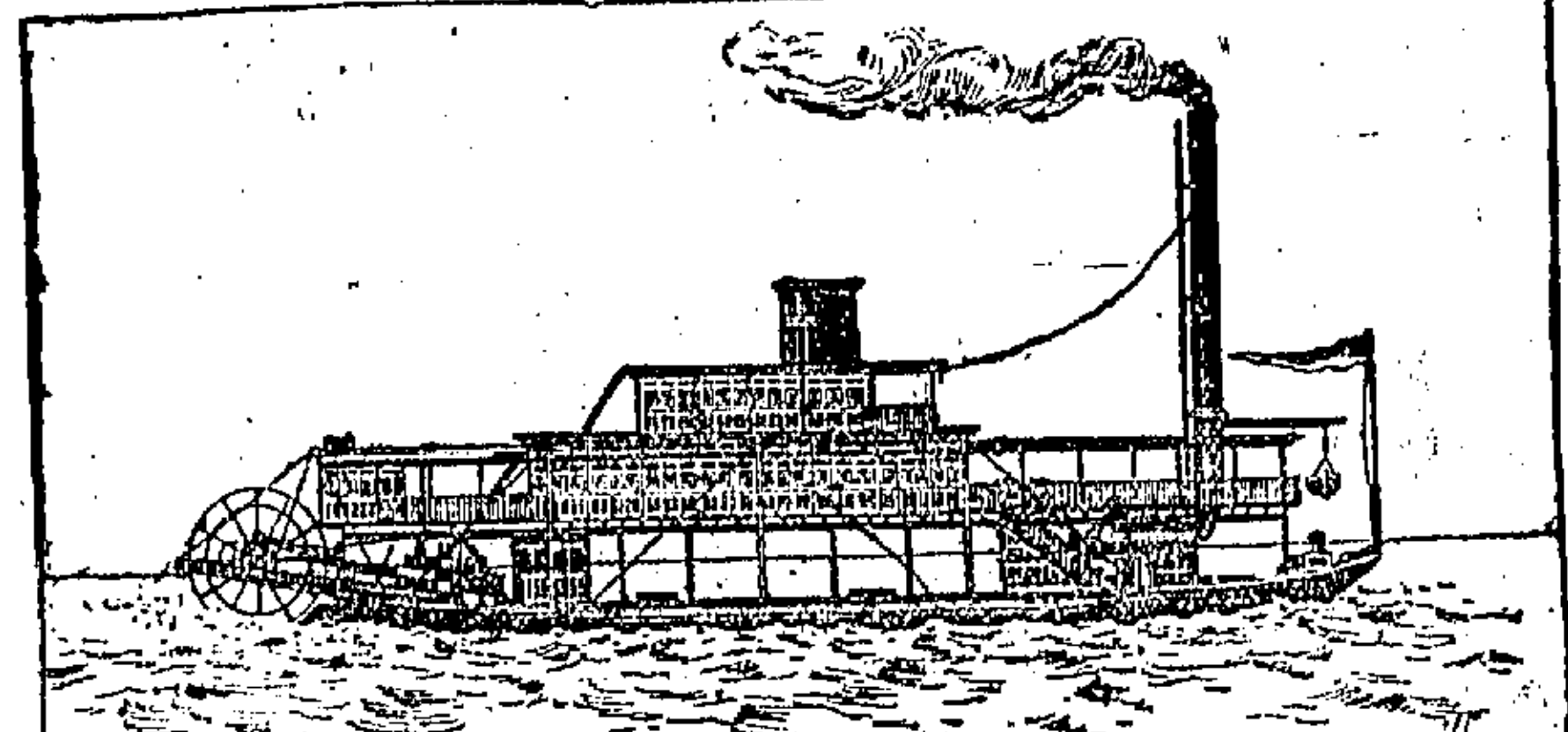
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## DEATH.

BOWLER.—On the 4th October, at 9.15 p.m., at his residence, Fungshui, The Peak, Edward Bowler, late of the Colonial Civil Service, in his 76th year.

## MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per Poona undelivered after 4 p.m. this date will be landed.

## MEMOS FOR MONDAY.

Auction.

3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at the Public Works Department's Office.

## Miscellaneous.

12.15 p.m.—Military Gun Practice.

Goods per Yarra undelivered after this date at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

Goods per Benader undelivered after this date subject to rent.

## General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, October 9.—

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong &amp; Kowloon Wharf &amp; Godown Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson &amp; Co.'s Office.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &amp;c., at Mr Geo. P. Lawner's Sales Rooms.

Goods per Delhi not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

Goods per St. George undelivered after noon on this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, October 12.—

Noon—Meeting of William Powell, Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

MONDAY, October 14.—

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of The Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Town Office.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1907.

## FISCAL ECONOMY.

Consistent credit is claimed by the Government for its strict devotion to economy. With economical administration we have no fault to find if the economy does not interfere with efficiency. If economy means leaving undone those things which ought to be done and doing those things which ought not to be done we are of opinion that the advantage to this Colony is extremely doubtful. We know that there are many works which certainly ought to be proceeded with but which the Government, with that high-minded abnegation which is most eloquent for administration when it is exhibited at the expense of others, has decided shall be abandoned until something turns up. The neglect of necessary works we are told to believe is economy, and in the same breath, we are asked to jubilate over the surplus derived from that neglect. To jubilate over the sorry condition of the Colony's finances is we confess beyond us, more especially as there is such timidity shown by those who have the opportunity to grapple with it. Most of the sins to be found pleaded in the estimates, to use a forgivable Irishism, are not there. They are sins of omission. But there are also to be found sins of commission. The Hon. Mr. Hewitt in the course of his speech on Thursday referred to the provision for a second fire float as unnecessary. There is on the estimates the sum of \$50,000 for a fire float and in the appendix we find a memo. "The need of a second floating fire engine was felt as far back as 1905 but owing to the financial state of the Colony it has not been found possible to provide for it in previous estimates." In parenthesis it may be remarked that the only inference to be drawn from this memo is that the financial state of the Colony has so vastly improved that it is now possible to go on with works which became necessary two or three years ago, which, as Euclid remarked on obviously unstable propositions, is absurd. But the delay in constructing the fire float—assuming purely for the sake of argument that it is necessary—is in itself a strong argument in favour of our contention that public works should be divided into two categories, permanent and impermanent. The former should, as a rule be constructed from loan money, the latter from revenue. A fire float is obviously an impermanent work. It should therefore be paid for out of revenue. But, although, according to the Government, it has been wanted since 1905 it has been done without because permanent works such as the Law Courts, Post Office, and so forth have absorbed all the revenue. The foolish of paying for everything out of revenue is so blindly worshipped by our

rulers, official and unofficial, that we fear that they will never succeed in achieving the view-point that judicious borrowing is much more meritorious than injudicious retardation of the Colony's natural development. Passing from that phase of the matter we find that a member of the Legislative Council, who in the Far East represents the premier British shipping company, declares that a second fire float is not required. Any number of ill-considered remarks will not decrease the value of testimony from such a quarter. Speaking from recollection we believe that an offer was made to the Government by the Waterboat Company which would obviate the necessity of constructing a new fire float altogether. Moreover it would give the shipping in the harbour, which according to the Government, is now in danger and has been in jeopardy since 1905, immediate protection. We understand that the Waterboat Company offered, for a retainer, to always keep their vessels ready for a call to a harbour fire at any hour of the day or night. Instead of accepting this offer the Government places a sum of money, which might with much greater advantage be expended otherwise, on the estimates. But the fact that the amount is on the estimates is not to be taken as a guarantee that the Government is going to render the harbour less unsafe during the current financial year than it is alleged to have been during 1905, 1906 and the greater portion of 1907. No surprise would be expressed if in the next estimates the laconic announcement is made that the vote has lapsed. We are not overmuch with admiration at the Government's so-called policy of economy. It is a policy of neglecting public works in the hope that sometime in the indefinite future something will turn up to enable the Government to proceed with them. Such a policy may be the easiest to follow but we warn the Government that it will eventually find itself in a cul-de-sac and that the compulsory retarding of its steps will be a painful and difficult matter. Difficulties do not become easier to overcome by postponing the day on which they are to be faced.

Revenue paid into the Treasury from January 1 to July 31 this year amounted to \$4,016,404.64 (including land sales) as against the payment out of \$3,334,588.25, an excess of revenue over expenditure of \$681,816.39. Compared with the first seven months of 1906 the revenue shows an increase of \$31,688.51, but that is due entirely to land sales: excluding this branch of revenue there was a decrease of \$20,373.32. Though there was increased revenue received from Light Dues, Fees of Court, etc., Post Office and Interest to the total extent of \$65,567.11, the heavy fall in Licenses and Internal Revenue not otherwise specified (\$14,728.10) and Rent of Government property, land and houses (\$40,021.65) more than counterbalanced. A saving of over half a million has been made on expenditure—due entirely to Public Works Extraordinary being allowed to stand over: for whereas in the period—January to July—last year \$1,016,445.68 was spent on Public Works Extraordinary, only \$444,558.22 was spent during the first seven months of 1907. The departments which show the greatest increases in expenditure are:—Public Works recurrent, \$60,160.59; Public Works Department, \$11,447.41; Education, \$17,364.31; Police and Prison, including Fire Brigade, \$14,302.03; and there is also a special expenditure of \$1262.39 on the Fire Brigade. The expenditure on the Audit Department has gone up about 16½ per cent., Treasury, 7½ per cent.; Medical, 3½ per cent, the Registrar General's Department, Harbour Office, and Post Office, from 2 to 1 per cent respectively. The financial outlook from these figures is not as bright as might have been expected: Revenue falling—expenditure rising. On the estimates for the year, however, the expenditure is well within bounds, being \$114,000 less than the proportion for seven-twelfths of the year, but that may be exceeded during the last five months. The revenue is also above the proportionate amount by \$400,000. Land Sales and Public Works Extraordinary are not considered the above two sentences.

## EXCURSION TO MACAO.

To-morrow the popular and commodious steamer Hongshan, of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Limited, will run on an excursion to Macao. The Feast of Rosary is being held and will no doubt attract a number of tourists. The Hongshan leaves Douglas wharf at 9 a.m. returning from Macao at 8 p.m. Meals and refreshments can be obtained on board.

## PERILS OF THE DEEP.

The Askehall Ashore.

A message has been received in the Colony announcing that the steamer Askehall has gone ashore at Lake Point. The steamer was outward bound from New York to Dalny with a cargo of rails and material for the M.R.K. railway contract in Manchuria.

## THE CINEMATOGRAPE.

To-night the Cinematograph at Weismann's Rooms will show some new pictures. One in particular, 1,600 feet long, should be exceedingly instructive and interesting since it illustrates a tour round the world. Then there are films showing the Life of Marie Antoinette, The How with the Golden Eggs, The Opium Smoker and others of serious and comic character. The pictures on this machine are distinct to a degree and are shown with most excellent results.

## "TRACT FOR THE TIMES."

"Stock Exchange Scandals Unveiled."

Under the above headings a printed statement comes to us through the post from Shanghai with some strong accusations against a firm of brokers. Presumably the circulars are being sent broadcast, and if the brokers alluded to value their good name they should make the person responsible for the circulation of the allegations (if they can find him) make good his charges.

## POSTAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Reply Coupons Instituted.

It is notified in the current issue of the "Government Gazette" that International reply coupons can now be obtained at the Hongkong Post Office and at its Agencies in China. The selling price of these is 12 cents each and they can be exchanged for a postage stamp of the value of 25 centimes (or 2½) the equivalent of that sum in countries mentioned below which have adopted this arrangement. The Coupons from other countries will be exchanged by the Hongkong Post Office and its Agencies in China for 10 cent stamp.

List of Countries: Austria Hungary, Bahamas, Bechnandland Protectorate, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burmah, Canada, Cape Colony, Ceylon, Chili, China (British), French, German and Japanese Post Offices), Corea, Costa Rica, Crete, Danish West Indies, Denmark, including Greenland, Easter Islands, Dutch Guiana, Egypt, France, French Congo, French Somal Coast, Algeria, Ivory Coast, French Guinea, Marquesa Islands, Mauritania, New Caledonia and Dependencies, St. Pierre, Geneva, Switzerland, Germany, Liechtenstein, Cameroon, Carthage, Cuba, Denmark, German East Africa, German New Guinea, German South West Africa, Kioochow, Marian Islands, Marshall Islands, Togo, Samoa, Gold Coast Colony, Greece, Guam Island, Hongkong, Haiti, India (British), Italy, Italian Colonies, Barbary, Ethiopia, Italian Post Offices, Barbary, Ethiopia, Canoe, Danzoo, Junina, Sertari (Albania), Tripoli, Japan, Labuan, Luxembourg, Mexico, Morocco (French and German Post Offices), Netherlands, New Zealand, including Cook Islands, Netherlands India, Indian P.O.'s in the Persian Gulf, Philippine Islands, Porto Rico, Rodezia (Southern), Roumania, Szechuan, Siam, Spain, Straits Settlements, Sweden, Switzerland, Transvaal, Turkey (Austrian and British Post Offices), Turkish Arabia (Indian Post Offices), Tunis, United Kingdom, and the United States of America.

## A THIRSTY CORPSE.

Asks For Whisky.

This, of course, is from an American exchange.—Edward Beck, a Wyoming sheep herder, sat up in his coffin and called for a drink of whisky thirty-six hours after what was believed to have been his death, and just as his funeral was about to be held. No doctor examined Beck's body after his supposed death, but friends who examined him saw no signs of life, and believing he was dead, made a crude coffin, put the remains in it and arranged for the funeral where he was placed from a sheep camp. A number of men who knew Beck were gathered about the coffin, and one of them was about to send a message from the Scriptures when Beck sat up and called for a drink. He said he had not felt sick before losing consciousness, and save a slight dizziness, felt no ill effects from his death-like sleep. He got the whisky.

## PROMPT RELIEF FOR A

SPRAINED ANKLE.

SOME time ago I sprained my ankle very badly on a loose stone," says Mr. Geo. Stevens, who lives near Dublin. "A neighbour gave me a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm with which I rubbed my ankle and then bound it up with a cloth saturated with this remedy. I was surprised next morning to find the swelling gone, but still very sore. I used the Pain Balm faithfully during that week and the sprain gave me very little trouble. We have used this remedy in our family several times since, and have never been disappointed in getting quick relief. I consider it the best house-hold liniment on the market. For sale by all chemists and store-keepers."

## BY TELEGRAPH.

SAD AFFAIR AT SHANGHAI.

Resident Commits Suicide.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, Octol r 5.

Mr Moutrie, son of the late Manager of Messrs Moutrie and Co., Ltd., committed suicide to-day by blowing out his brains.

## AERIAL NAVIGATION.

A British Success.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter, via Bombay).

LONDON, October 4.

The trials of the Aldershot War Office airship have been very successful.

The aerial machine covered a circular course of twenty-five miles.

For an hour the vessel travelled easily in the teeth of a strong wind, and it is estimated that fifteen miles per hour was attained.

For two years, says a Home paper, work has been secretly carried on in a great iron-grey building adjoining the balloon factory on Farnborough Common, Aldershot, and now we are enabled to announce that the finishing touches are only wanting to Britain's first army airship.

The airship is carefully guarded day and night by Colonel Capper, R.F., and his assistants, and they only await favourable weather to haul the huge inflated monster from its shed and soar skywards.

The new airship will probably be found to approximate to the type of the French La Patrie. A cigar-shaped balloon, made of gold-beater's skin, girdled by narrow strips of silk at regular intervals, carries a light framework of aluminium and bamboo. The envelope is of great lifting power, and is nearly 80 ft. in length by 30 ft. in diameter. Both planes and fan propellers are used in the direction and propulsion of the airship, and the models tried here in a remarkable degree answered their helm. A structure similar to that on La Patrie. Some useful suggestions have been obtained from the German airships, with whose construction the Aldershot specialist staff are familiar.

Calculations give to the new war balloon a carrying capacity of eleven men. It can, however, be perfectly well handled by three, and the difference between the weight of three men and of eleven can be made up by explosives. The fact that the airship could convey explosives is an important advance on anything now existing, and the advance is all the more marked owing to the quantity which could be stored on board. The lifting power is about one ton.

Petrol will be the motive power in the engines, which are of the motor type. Unfortunately, there has been some trouble with these, and the experts are working hard to lessen their liability to strain. The difficulties are, however, now surmounted, and there is every prospect that a greatly improved engine will result. Already the motor contains much that is an advance on the French and German engines. It is light, and promises to be very reliable.

The airship has two propellers, the power for driving them being derived from 80-h.p. engines driven both by electricity and petrol. The propellers will be driven at the rate of over 1,000 revolutions a minute.

It is suggested that the great airship which is 100 feet in length, shall be called the Edward VII. His Majesty having inspected the aerial warship during a recent visit to Aldershot. The Prince of Wales and a number of other important people have also seen the airship.

The staff are delighted with the airship, and have the greatest faith in its capacity. They agree that it will prove a great advance on any previous vessel of the kind. All the men manifest the keenest interest in the airship, and are loyally co-operating to prevent valuable details of its construction leaking out.

The building in which the airship rests is like the nave of a huge cathedral, and is seen for miles around. The lighting is by means of windows high up in the zinc walls, so that nobody can see what is inside without the use of a forty-foot ladder.

## MARK TWAIN'S RETORT.

Mark Twain had finished his speech at a dinner party, and, on his seating himself, a lawyer arose, shoved his hands deep into his trouser pockets, as was his habit—and laughingly inquired of those present at the society dinner—"Doesn't it strike a professional humorist should be funny?"

When the laughter that greeted this sally had subsided, Mark Twain drawled out: "Doesn't it strike this company as a little unusual that a lawyer should have his hands in his own pockets?"

## A QUICK AND SAFE REMEDY FOR BOWEL COMPLAINTS.

It discovered that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was a quick and safe cure for bowel complaints.

"During all of those years," he says, "I have used it, and recommended it many times and the results have never yet disappointed me." Mr Brock is publisher of the Aberdeen, Maryland, U.S.A., Enterprise. For sale by all chemists and store-keepers.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

TAFT IN JAPAN.

Result of the Visit.

(From Our Correspondent.)

Tokyo, October 5.

Mr Taft's visit to Japan, although it has promoted an understanding between America and Japan, has not resulted in any concrete agreement.

## JAPANESE RICE CROP.

An Optimistic Forecast.

(From Our Correspondent.)

Tokyo, October 5.

The forecast of the Japanese rice crop shows that this season there will be an increase of 7½ per cent. over last year's crop and of .13½ per cent over the average crop.

## A SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT.

Count and Heiress.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter, via Bombay).

LONDON, October 4.

The engagement is announced of Gladys Vanderbilt, daughter of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, to Count Laszlo Szechenyi, of Hungary.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

## THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

LONDON, October 3.

President Roosevelt, speaking in St. Louis, appeared to support the building up of a great fighting navy, and as long as it is no larger than the present, the bulk of the battleships must always be kept together.

He said that the Pacific voyage was essential to acquaint the officers and men with naval needs and for practice. The waters to which they were going were as emphatically American Home Waters, as those of New York, Louisiana and Texas.

LATER.

President Roosevelt, speaking at Cairo, Illinois, in advocating the increase of the navy declared that the policy of peace with insult was as bad for a nation as for an individual.

He hoped that the policy of keeping the battleship fleet alternately in the Pacific and the Atlantic would be steadily followed hereafter.

## THE KAISER TO VISIT HOLLAND.

LONDON, October 3.

The Kaiser and Kaiserine will visit Queen Wilhelmina at the close of their visit to England.

## THE EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA.

LONDON, October 3.

The Emperor of Austria is suffering from hoarseness and audiences have been suspended.

## THE C. P. R. PACIFIC SERVICE.

LONDON, October 3.

At the meeting of The Canadian Pacific Railroad Co. at Montreal, the transference of the Atlantic boats to the Pacific, and the building of faster boats for the Atlantic was authorised.

## RACING.

The Jockey Club Stakes.

LONDON, October 3.

1.—Sancy.

2.—Larif.

3.—Kuroki.

## BANK NOTES.

The following returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended September 30, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks, are published in the current issue of the "Government Gazette."

Banks. Average Specie in Amount Reserve.

Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, ... 3,724,563 2,500,000

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, ... 15,517,740 11,000,000

National Bank of China, Limited, ... 233,107 125,000

Total ... \$19,505,470 \$13,625,000

## RHEUMATISM.

WHY suffer from this painful malady? An application of Chamberlain's Pain Balm will relieve the pain and make rest and sleep possible. Many cures have been effected by its continued use. For sale by all chemists and store-keepers.



## THE WUCHOW FIRE.

## Early Reports Exaggerated.

(From Our Correspondent.)

Wuchow, October 2.

We are glad to be able to report that the loss of life during the recent fire was much less than at first stated.

When the first telegrams were sent off the fire was still raging so that no accurate information could be obtained. The reports were many and differed widely. We heard that a number of people had shut themselves up in their houses or shops in order to protect their belongings from robbery and looting, and then as the flames swept down upon them found that all ways of escape had been cut off. This proved to be incorrect.

We have only heard of one death so far by the fire and a few only who received minor injuries.

The conflagration of last week appeared to be greater than that of two years ago when several hundred lives were lost. It was this which led us to believe that so many had suffered. Fortunately happening in broad daylight and being quickly confined to the shops people were able to get away.

There was no panic, except in the minds of those who saw the conflagration between the fire and the present conflagration.

The looting was particularly nothing to speak of. Only two men have been heard, been killed by the soldiers for the offence.

It is true that the Consulate was guarded by a few men from H. M. S. Robin, but evidently the Consular officials did not expect any trouble. A serious matter for no notice was sent to the other foreign residents that this was to be expected to take place.

During the clearing away of the debris yesterday ten men were killed by the falling of a wall.

There is every prospect of an early settlement of the difficulties between the officials and the people.

An Offering to the God of Fire.

(From Our Correspondent.)

Wuchow, Oct. 1.

During the fire which raged with great fierceness and spread with unusual rapidity the Prefect went out to view it. He was appalled by the great catastrophe, and hurried back to his Yamen, had one of the worst criminals a red handed robber brought out, and after having been burned the robber's head was put on an offering to the God of Fire. It is stated that the fire seemed to stop at that time. This story is repeated by a responsible official.

Several of the missionaries went to the Prefect and suggested that buildings in the path of the fire be destroyed. The plan commended itself to him and he gave instructions that soldiers be sent to carry out the suggestion. Some little attempts were made, but not sufficiently extensive to accomplish much. But the day after the fire the official sent his aide to those who made the suggestion together with a note of thanks for assistance.

I have been unable to find the slightest foundation for the rumor that the fire was started by rebels. It commenced in a small shop.

Several representatives of Hongkong Insurance firms have already reached Wuchow for the purpose of ascertaining the extent of their several losses and arranging a settlement of claims.

## WUCHOW SUGGESTION.

Accounts from different sources continue to be printed as to the nature and extent of the fire. They vary naturally where data are more or less a matter of casual observation. There is a vivid account before us today, which, if correct, shows certain side issues. It appears that whilst the fire was raging and when there was some hope that it might be got under some control, it took hold of a large kerosene store, and the oil, once ignited, went off in a series of explosions which added tremendously to the force of the fire and was mainly responsible for the extent of the damage done.

But more than that. It appears that at the time there was trouble in Wuchow with the officials on account of increased taxation. There was an addition made to the lekin tax, and the people were in arms and were unwilling to pay. Many of the shops had been closed as a protest and also many of the rice-going junk were also at the time anchored by the side of the city, sympathizing with the shopkeepers in their determination to fight the officials, and compel them to relieve them from the hated added tax. Under these conditions it was that the fire ignited, and the report says that it was set light by rebels from the outside districts, in order that in the general straitened condition of affairs, and want of routine on the part of the shopkeepers, they might have a better chance of getting loot. It was not intended to rouse the people against the officials but in the then conditions to have a better opportunity of getting what they wanted. The fire burned from half past seven in the morning till seven o'clock in the evening, when it was eventually extinguished.

This report states that more than a hundred lives were sacrificed, and of these six were lost in the house where the fire caught—a kerosene shop. The Insurance Office in Hongkong are involved. It is believed that they have lost in this particular fire more than \$150,000. The position of Messrs Jardine was threatened but fortunately the fire reached this building it was extinguished. British Blue Jackets rendered assistance as there appears to have been a river gunboat in Wuchow at that time.

## SPORTING.

## Rifle Shooting.

VOLUNTEER RESERVE ASSOCIATION.

The shooting dates in October, for the Governor's Cup and Chatter Cup are:—

5th Oct. 2 to 5.30, 6th Oct. 10 to 12.30, 200 yards Peak Range; 19th Oct. 2 to 5.30, 20th Oct. 10 to 12.30, 200 yards King's Park Range.

DOUGLAS CUP: 12th Oct. 2 to 5.30, 13th Oct. 10 to 12.30, 800 yards Peak Range.

BERKELEY CUP: 26th Oct. 2 to 5.30, 27th Oct. 10 to 12.30, 600 yards King's Park Range.

POST: There will be a Post Competition on each of the above dates.

WHITE HORSE TROPHY: The match against the H.K. Volunteer Corps for the White Horse Trophy, ten sides, will be held on Saturday afternoon, the 21st December, at 2.30 sharp.

## Lawn Bowls.

The following draws have been made in the fourth round of the lawn bowls competitions of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. The round must be completed on or before Saturday, October 19.

H. B. Baxter v. G. R. Edwards, A. R. Austin v. W. Hutchinson, J. C. Goss v. D. Keach, W. Russell v. T. Paine.

PRESIDENT'S COMPETITION.

A. Nicholson v. T. Paine, R. H. Baxter v. A. R. Austin, J. Menzies v. Jas. Dean, G. R. Edwards v. J. Panchen.

VICE PRESIDENT'S COMPETITION.

C. W. Alexander v. T. Skinner, R. Lapsley v. G. R. Edwards, J. Panchen v. T. Paine, D. H. Baxter v. W. Russell.

## Racing.

The Tientsin Automobile Race meeting will be held on November 5, 6 and 7, commencing at 11 a.m. each day. There are nine races each day, the most important being the 500 Yards, 1000 Yards, 1500 Yards, 2000 Yards, 2500 Yards, 3000 Yards, 3500 Yards, 4000 Yards, 4500 Yards, 5000 Yards, 5500 Yards, 6000 Yards, 6500 Yards, 7000 Yards, 7500 Yards, 8000 Yards, 8500 Yards, 9000 Yards, 9500 Yards, 10000 Yards.

## Football.

A NEW RULE.

Footballers would do well to study the Football Association rules for the ensuing season for there is one important alteration, namely, that a player cannot now be off side in his own half of the ground. A minor amendment requires a free kick to be given to the opposite side when a player is off side in the field.

A copy of the rules has, as usual, been placed by the Hongkong Football Club on the reading room table of the City Hall.

## LOAFERS AND LAZY MEN.

China and Her Garrison.

September 27.

The following Imperial Decree was issued on Sept. 27, and was published by the "N. C. Daily News." We established our dynasty in this country by force of arms and in doing so at the time we put garrisons in various cities of the provinces to keep order therein. Since the pacification of the country many years have passed, and in the meanwhile the number of our garrisons, having nothing to do, have become loafers and lazy men while at the same time they have become a heavy burden on the country. Multiplying in numbers the younger generations were reared in poverty and want having no other means of support than the allowance that had been granted by Imperial Clemency at the beginning of the dynasty, and having on the other hand never learned a trade or profession as did the common people around them to support themselves.

It has, therefore, now become an urgent necessity for our garrisons to find some means of gaining a livelihood and we hereby command our Viceroys and Governors and Mandarin Lieutenants of the said garrisons first to make a census of the men under their charge. These garrisons have their own stables and horse breeding grounds and farms.

It is, therefore, hereby commanded, that a set of regulations be drawn up without delay, and the lands in question be surveyed and divided up amongst these garrisons according to the number of members of each family, so that each family may have enough land to cultivate sufficient for their individual support and sustenance. Those garrisons that had no horse breeding grounds or farms are to look to the local authorities for their own land. These are to be obtained by purchase and voluntary sale at the hands of the farmers around them, the price to be paid to the farmers being in accordance with the scale of prices ruling at the time. These lands are to be cultivated by one out of every ten men or more of the garrisons, in question, the number being increased gradually as the time progresses; and the families who have taken up the land for agriculture are to hold them for generation after generation without break.

No one will be allowed either to sell or mortgage his land. Those who take to farming will not be allowed to draw their rations as soldiers. The money thus saved will be made into a special fund. Bannermen who have become farmers must abide by the laws ruling amongst those around them. They are to be similar to the Chinese in this respect. The Ministry of Finance will have enough land to support its members, and the amount of land for each will be different in each province, according as the state of the country they live in may be a rich one or otherwise.

The members of the garrisons who have taken up civilian lives will be made to learn trades and attend schools, and the authorities concerned are commanded to work earnestly and diligently in the matter, so that our Bannermen may have every opportunity offered them to gain a proper livelihood. The money required to start the farmers, and for such as desire to learn arts and handicrafts, shall be drawn from the usual funds and reserves for the support of the garrisons in question.

We look to our Viceroys, Governors and Tartar Generals to use their best efforts and avoid being influenced by private interest in the performance of the duties in this respect. The Ministry of Finance is commanded to have ready the required money for this work, and let there be no jealousy nor racial distinctions. Let each one keep us in our object to treat our subjects with equal kindness and clemency.

## NANNING.

NANNING, September 23.

TERRIBLES OF TROUBLE.

The panic in the city owing to the close proximity of the revolutionaries is subsiding.

We did not fear the rebels so much as the unruly element in the local population who are always ready for an opportunity to loot.

There were threats as to what would happen to the foreigners on the 10th of this moon. Though there were the usual signs of the holiday and feast, all passed off quietly with no disturbance.

## HEAVY RAIN.

The long drought has destroyed much of the rice crop, the last few days, however, we have had torrents of rain and the river has reached its highest point this year.

## BOYCOTTING THE LIKIN.

The extortionate demands of the Likin Stations have produced a great deal of irritation among the merchants. Appeals to the Officials have been made, but the merchants of the whole Province have resolved to boycott the Likin, beginning on Friday, the 27th of this month. Exactly how they are going to carry this scheme out or how successful it will be remains to be seen. Trade will be more or less paralysed, but neither the Likin nor the well-to-do merchants will suffer so much as the poor boatmen who carry goods up and down the river.

## LOOTERS ENFORCED.

There was a serious fire recently in the City not far from the East Gate. The Magistrate was on the spot with his attendants and caught two men red-handed in the act of looting. One, he despatched there and then, the other was reserved till daylight and then paraded through the streets with banners flying and he was made to carry the box he was attempting to steal. The climax was reached outside the East Gate where he was executed.

## OPPIUM DENIED.

All opium dens have been closed by order of the Magistrate and of those whose owners dared the authorities, have been confiscated. A list has been compiled of all smokers, stating their sex, name, age and the quantity that they daily consume.

There is undoubtedly a heavy decrease in the sale of the drug and a number of merchants have been ruined in consequence. There is naturally a good deal of surreptitious smoking, but the large quantity of second hand opium pipes for sale is an indication that the owners have no further use for them and is a sign of the times. Why the sale of these instruments should be allowed by the government is another question, but such a paradox is typical of the land we live in.

The people as a rule are quick to resent any interference with their liberties, but so strong is the feeling against opium among all classes that the officials appear to be able to do as they like in this matter with never a word of resentment. That some of the officials at least are not on the side of reform may certainly be true considering that two of them smoke themselves. One of these is a heavy drinker as well. He is an example of the two vices combined in one person, and shows that one does not preclude the other, proving that alcohol will not necessarily take the place of opium by and by.

## A BRUTAL MURDER.

One of the letter carriers was brutally murdered the other day while on his way from Lung-chau to Nanning. He was travelling with half a dozen opium merchants who happened to be going in his direction. They were set upon by five highway robbers; the travellers in order to save their lives offered to surrender their goods; these were taken from them and then they were done to death. My informant said that nowhere in China, outside of Kwang-si, would such "needless" brutality be possible.

## RAILWAYS.

The oft discussed subject of railways does not excite the attention it once did. There was intense indignation in the city when it was believed that the French were to be allowed the financing and construction of all lines in Kwang-si. We are now assured that this will not be allowed, but that the Chinese will have all works in their own hands. The first line contemplated is from Nanning to Kwan-tai, but the whole subject is very visionary indeed.

## DEATH.

The Commissioner of Customs at Sung-chau is dead.

## BAD TRADE.

Cantonese merchants in Nanning told me that trade this year has so far been very discouraging. One marvels that it is not worse than it is, considering that one "Rebel" scare succeeds another and this poor distracted Province has little chance of prospering. Revolutionary literature is being openly sold in the streets.

## THE LUSITANIA'S CLOCKS.

There are no fewer than forty-nine clocks on the new Cunarder Lusitania. But the confusion which would result if their hands were uncontrolled is avoided by the presence of a master clock on each hour. As the vessel goes west all the clocks can be stopped for twenty minutes at a time. To put them back would, of course, be undesirable. When the vessel makes her return voyage the hands of the clocks can be simultaneously moved forward, until eventually Greenwich time once again prevails throughout the ship.

## A SAFE COUGH MEDICINE FOR CHILDREN.

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## THE GYMKHANA.

## Blue Nile Wins the Challenge Cup.

To-day the last Gymkhana of the season was held. The weather was propitious and the attendance excellent. The most important race of the day was the Challenge Cup, the following being the result:

GYMKHANA CHALLENGE CUP.—Distance one mile. For all China Ponies. Catch weights at 16 st. 6 lb. Winner of an open race on open ground, race 5 lb. extra. Non-winning subscription £100.00. Jockeys who have not won more than two official races in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. To be won by the pony scoring most marks in the races for the cup, counting 4 points for a first, 2 for a second, and 1 for a third. The benefit of marks already scored to pass with the pony on a sale. Any winner of the race to carry 5 lb. extra for each win in subsequent starts for the cup, but in the event of a pony carrying the penalty not winning 2 lb. to be deducted next time starts. Penalties accumulative up to 15 lb. Entrance fee of \$5 to go in the purchase of a memento to the winner of each race, and \$5 to second pony out of the Club funds. At the conclusion of the season a cup will be presented by Commander R. H. S. Stokes, R.N., to the owner of the pony obtaining the second highest number of marks.

1. Mr. Godfrey Mester's bid. Blue Nile, 13.1 139

2. Mr. Godfrey Mester's bid. Astral, 13.1 146

3. Mr. Dymally's bid. Coxcomb, 13.0 169

Coxcomb and Blue Nile qualified for the race, having 10 points each. From the start Astral went ahead, with Coxcomb on the rails and Blue Nile level. Passing the football ground Coxcomb fell behind, but going up the hill he rushed to the front. In entering the field Blue Nile closed up and the three were level at the turn. Down the straight Blue Nile showed ahead and ultimately won by a couple of lengths from Astral, the same distance separating the second and third. Time 2:10.

A protest was entered as soon as the race finished. There was some bumping in rounding the bend, and a protest was entered on behalf of Coxcomb, but it was not upheld.

## THE VAIN MARKET.

Messrs. Cawjee, Pallaige and Co. report under date of October 3: Since the issue of our last report on the 29th ultimo per s.s. Malta, our yarn market has continued in the same dull and weak condition as previously advised. With the exception of a few small orders for well-known favourite spinnings, demand from the country shows no improvement and dealers are consequently selling very cautiously and buying only for immediate wants, prices remaining with little alteration as those last given. We again close dull and quiet.

No. 16s.—In small request, prices unchanged. No. 8s.—Nothing doing. No. 10s.—Have, as usual, attracted most attention at previous rates and form the bulk of the settlements. No. 12s.—Fair sales in special favourite spinnings. No. 10s.—In small request and for special orders only. No. 20s.—Notwithstanding the anxiety of holders to meet the market this account is very slow to move and the demand appears steadily to diminish. The business of the fortnight includes a few small sales of favourite cheaps at a decline of 81 to 81 1/2 per bale.

Sales during the past fortnight comprise of about 40 bales of No. 6s., 225 bales of No. 10s., 890 bales of No. 12s., 140 bales of No. 16s., and 610 bales of No. 20s., in all about 3,975 bales. Arrivals per steamers Laisang, Yetorini, Maru, A. Agar, and Delhi amount to about 4,000 bales.

Shipment to Shanghai and Northern Ports 3,000 bales. The used stock is estimated at 39,000 bales. Local Mills.—No business reported. Japanese Yarn.—Sales of 500 bales No. 20s. at \$120 are reported.

Messrs. Phiroze B. Pelt and Co. report: Our last circular was dated the 29th inst.

The Yarn Market during the past fortnight ruled somewhat steeper than the preceding unsatisfactory period, but, nevertheless, continues dull and depressed. Rupee exchange has ruled irregular, further assisting in unsettling operations. Prices have, accordingly, declined from \$0.60 to \$0.52 per bale. The spinnings thus affected are shown in the quotations.

Holders exhibit much anxiety to quit, in spite of a steady diminution of stock. This lack of firmness on their part tends to a further weakening in prices.

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## SPORTING NOTES FROM HOME.

(Our Special Letter.)

WRESTLING AND BOXING.

LONDON, August 30.

This is the time of the year when wrestlers and boxers throw out their challenges and it will be no fault of the scrappers and "carpet-crawlers" if we do not have another boom in boxing and wrestling. A striking thing about the wrestling boom is that the challengers are invariably always foreigners. We have Greece-Roman artists challenging catch-as-catch-can wrestlers and exponents of unjust offering to take on either of the others well knowing there is little likelihood of an acceptance. It is hardly flattering to our pride to find no Britons on hand to take on some of the invaders at their own game. It would be even consoling if some of the stalwart Fell men challenged the foreign wrestlers to a meeting in the Cumberland and Westmoreland style. Properly managed, that form of wrestling ought to prove even a greater draw than catch-as-catch-can. It is over quicker and appeals to the "man in the street" as a more national form of wrestling. As matters stand foreign artists come to England and issue challenges in their own style and score at the expense of home wrestlers, who accept a few pounds for appearing against them. It is doubtful if a troupe of Cumberland or Westmoreland wrestlers would command such "gates" if they toured the Continent and offered to forfeit so much if they failed to gain so many falls inside fifteen minutes against all comers.

South Wales is a hot-bed of boxing just now and a good contest should be seen between Seaman Hayes and Fred. Welsh on September 7, when they try conclusions in a fifteen rounds "go" at Pontypriid. Nine days later Welsh has even a more important engagement, viz. one of twenty rounds against J. White, of Cardiff, for £100 aside. This will be decided in private and with four ounce gloves. There are also prospects of Owen Muan and Jim Driscoll coming together. The latter has had a fine offer to go to America but so far has not made up his mind. Johnny Summers may also take another trip across the Atlantic as he is offered an engagement to agitate conclusions with Murphy of Haarlem, who he scored over in a six round bout at Philadelphia some time back.

## CRICKET.

The joint meeting of the Putney, Paddington and Polytechnic C. C. at Herno Hill last Saturday produced some of the most exciting racing of the season. The idea of an International series of sprint races among J. Dovoissoux (France), amateur champion of the world, and G. C. Anderson, E. Payne, and B. Kingsbury who are the "quarter," mile, and five miles N. C. C. champions respectively, was a happy one. This was the first occasion on which our cracks and the Frenchman had met on a really up-to-date cement track and the result showed Kingsbury to great advantage. He and the visitor really had the races to themselves, the Portsmouth man winning the one lap and half mile events, and the Frenchman the mile—the points working out four to five in favour of Kingsbury. Payne and Anderson show to better advantage on grass and in the tracks and they were well beaten. In the one lap race for the Limerick Bowl, however, Payne did better and just beat Kingsbury, while Dovoissoux secured a five mile scratch race.

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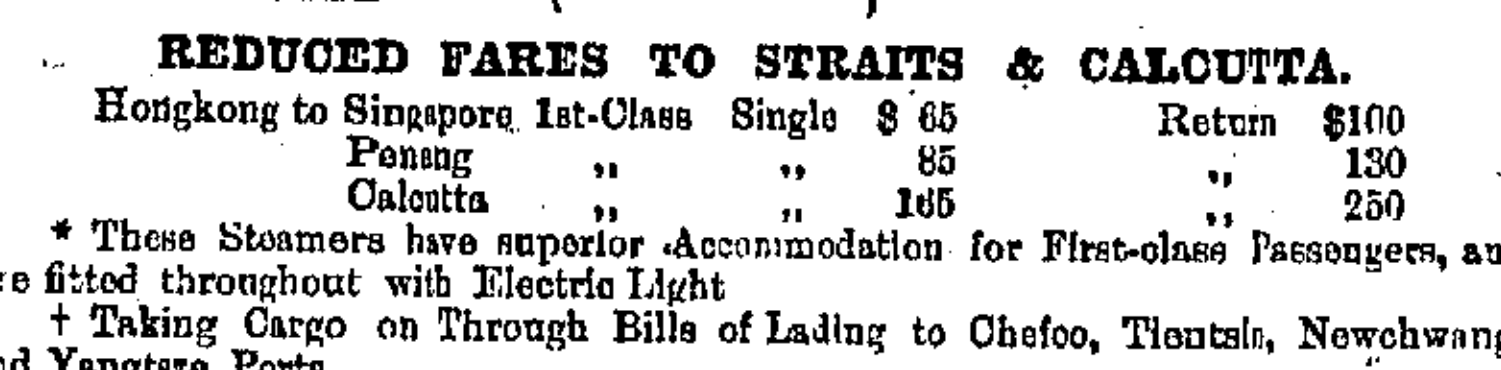
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